



Brown v. Board of Education
Topeka, Kansas 1951

Cast: (4 student parts)

A Reporter (court staff)

Scene Card Holder

Oliver Brown: father of students attending black elementary school

Linda Brown: elementary school student

A Judge

Reporter: I'm standing here with Oliver and Linda Brown. We are outside the courthouse in Topeka, Kansas. Mr. Brown, what are you and your daughter doing here today? Why did you go to court?

Oliver Brown: We are here today because I want my daughter Linda to go to the school in our neighborhood.

Reporter: Linda, why can't you go to your neighborhood school?

Linda Brown: I can't go to it because it is only for white children. So, instead of walking to the school close to my house, I have to ride a bus for over an hour to go to the black elementary school.

Reporter: I think the judge is ready to issue his decision.

Judge: I find that the separate schools to be basically equal. BUT, I think the segregation of black school children is not a good thing.